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SUBJECT: SSOD: PRC OPENING STATEMENT; MAY 29, 1978

1. SUMMARY: FORMIN HUANG HUA DELIVERED THE
PRC'S OPENING STATEMENT TO THE SSOD IN GENERAL DEBATE
MAY 29. SALIENT POINTS OF PRC STATEMENT FOLLOW BELOW.
END SUMMARY.

2. GENERAL: THE PRC ADDRESSED THE SSOD AS AN OUTSIDER, A
SPECTATOR IN THE ARMS RACE ABSOLVED OF ANY RESPONSIBILITY
FOR DISARMAMENT. FOREIGN MINISTER HUA PLACED
FULL BLAME FOR THE ARMS RACE ON THE US AND THE USSR;
HOWEVER, AS DURING THE 32ND UNGA, US WAS MORE LIGHTLY
CHASTISED THAN THE USSR. THE PRC DID NOT PRESENT ANY
DISARMAMENT INITIATIVES OF ITS OWN BUT VOICED SUPPORT FOR
MANY OF THE PROPOSALS PRESENTED IN THE UN BY THE THIRD
WORLD. THE PREVAILING ATTITUDE OF THE PRC AT THE SSOD
SEEMS THE SAME AS IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN, I.E., DUE TO
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THE STRUGGLES BETWEEN THE TWO SUPERPOWERS, WAR IS
INEVITABLE; THE ONLY FEASIBLE COURSE OF ACTION IS
TO TRY TO POSTPONE ITS OUTBREAK. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT
ASPECT OF THE PRC STATEMENT REMAINS THE FACT THAT THE PRC
DECIDED TO ADDRESS THE SSOD.

3. GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT: HUANG HUA CHARGED

THE US AND THE USSR WITH NOT WORKING FOR GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT, BUT FOR "GENERAL AND COMPLETE ARMS EXPANSION." HOWEVER, HE ALLUDED TO THE USSR AS THE SUPERPOWER "BENT ON EXPANSION" WHILE THE US WAS CHARACTERIZED AS THE SUPERPOWER "PROTECTING" ITS "VESTED INTERESTS".

4. CTB AND NON-PROLIFERATION: HUANG HUA CAUTIONED DELEGATIONS AGAINST ENTERTAINING ILLUSIONS ABOUT DISARMAMENT BECAUSE THE SUPERPOWERS WOULD NOT "ACCEPT IN GOOD FAITH" ANY PROPOSAL FOR "GENUINE DISARMAMENT." HE CHARGED THE US AND THE USSR WITH STALLING PROGRESS AT THE SSOD, PARTICULARLY IN THE NUCLEAR AREA, BY DELIBERATELY DWELLING ON SIDE ISSUES SO AS TO OBSTRUCT THE COMPLETE PROHIBITION AND DESTRUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. HE STATED THAT A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN WOULD IN NO WAY REDUCE THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR WAR BECAUSE IT WOULD NOT TOUCH EXISTING NUCLEAR ARSENALS OF THE US AND THE USSR NOR RESTRICT THE CONTINUING PRODUCTION, DEVELOPMENT, STOCKPILING OR USE OF SUCH WEAPONS. THE CLAIM THAT NON-PROLIFERATION WOULD REDUCE THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR WAR, HE SAID, WAS FRAUDULENT AND SERVED PRIMARILY TO HAMPER THE RIGHTS OF NON-NUCLEAR COUNTRIES TO THE PEACEFUL USE OF ATOMIC ENERGY AT THE SAME TIME THAT THE US AND USSR EXPANDED THEIR NUCLEAR ARSENALS.

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5. SALT: HUANG HUA STATED THAT DESCRIBING SALT II AS A "MAJOR CONTRIBUTION" TO THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE WAS A "DELIBERATE FALSEHOOD." HE SAID THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS TALKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO ENSURE EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF US AND USSR STRATEGIC ARMS AT A HIGHER LEVEL AND THAT ANY NEW AGREEMENT WOULD "AT BEST BE ONE WITH QUANTITATIVE BUT NO QUALITATIVE LIMITS AND ENVISAGING CONTINUED UPWARD EQUILIBRIUM IN RESPECT OF MIRV'S."

6. CONVENTIONAL ARMS: HUANG HUA STATED THAT THE US AND THE USSR WERE "DELIBERATELY CONFUSING THE ISSUE BY ADVOCATING DISARMAMENT BY ALL." HE SAID THAT ARMAMENTS ARE THE MEANS OF DEFENSE FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED COUNTRIES TO SAFEGUARD THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY AGAINST AGGRESSION. "SECOND WORLD COUNTRIES IN WESTERN EUROPE AND ELSEWHERE," HE ADDED, ALSO NEED TO STRENGTHEN THEIR DEFENSE AGAINST INVASION BY THE SOVIETS. FOR THESE REASONS, DISARMAMENT MUST START WITH THE US AND USSR SO AS TO REDUCE THE THREAT OF THE SUPERPOWERS' SUPERIOR MILITARY STRENGTH. HE CALLED FOR EQUAL IMPORTANCE TO BE ATTACHED TO THE REDUCTION OF CONVENTIONAL ARMAMENTS

AS TO NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS, STATING THAT THE "TWO SHOULD PROCEED IN CONJUNCTION," AND CAUTIONED AGAINST ALLOWING THE SUPERPOWERS TO EXPLOIT INTERNATIONAL DESIRE FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT SO AS TO DELAY THE REDUCTION OF THE CONVENTIONAL ARMS OF THE US AND USSR OR EVEN INTENSIFY THE ARMS RACE IN THAT AREA.

7. NON-USE: HUANG HUA CALLED ON ALL NUCLEAR COUNTRIES, IN THE ABSENCE OF AN AGREEMENT ON THE NON-USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, TO UNDERTAKE NOT TO RESORT TO THE THREAT OR USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AGAINST NON-NUCLEAR COUNTRIES AND NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES. HE SAID THIS WOULD BE A "REASONABLE AND PRACTICAL MEASURE" AND ASKED WHY THE NUCLEAR POWERS SHOULD NOT UNDERTAKE NOT TO USE NUCLEAR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WEAPONS AGAINST NON-NUCLEAR COUNTRIES THAT CAN POSE NO THREAT TO THEM.

8. MACHINERY: HUANG HUA STATED THAT "QUESTIONS OF

DISARMAMENT AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, WHICH CONCERN THE INTERESTS OF ALL COUNTRIES, SHOULD BE DELIBERATED BY AN INTERNATIONAL ORGAN WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL COUNTRIES UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UN." HE SAID THE ITEMS AND PROCEDURES OF DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE DECIDED BY THIS ORGAN. NEGOTIATING MACHINERY SHOULD BE TRULY FREE OF SUPERPOWER CONTROL AND BE SET UP THROUGH CONSULTATIONS BY THE DELIBERATIVE ORGAN. HE BLAMED THE FAILURE OF THE EXISTING MACHINERY ON THE STUBBORN, OBSTRUCTIONIST ATTITUDES OF THE US AND THE USSR TOWARD DISARMAMENT.

9. HUANG HUA CALLED ON THE US AND THE USSR TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

A. DECLARE THAT AT NO TIME AND IN NO CIRCUMSTANCES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL THEY RESORT TO THE THREAT OR USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AGAINST NON-NUCLEAR COUNTRIES AND NUCLEAR-FREE ZONES;

B. WITHDRAW ALL THEIR ARMED FORCES STATIONED ABROAD;

C. STOP THEIR NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL ARMS RACE, DESTROY BY STAGES THEIR NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND DRASTICALLY REDUCE THEIR CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS;

D. NOT STATION MASSIVE FORCES OR STAGE MILITARY EXERCISES NEAR THE BORDERS OF OTHER COUNTRIES; AND

E. NOT EXPORT WEAPONS TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

10. IN CLOSING, HUANG HUA CAUTIONED AGAINST "PINNING ... HOPES FOR MAINTENANCE OF WORLD PEACE ON DISARMAMENT" AND SAID THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE TWO SUPERPOWERS MUST BE WAGED NOT ONLY IN THE REALM OF DISARMAMENT BUT IN ALL OTHER FIELDS AS WELL. HE SAID "THE PEOPLES' STRUGGLE FOR DISARMAMENT" MUST BE LINKED UP WITH THE STRUGGLE IN DEFENSE OF NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, STATE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND AGAINST SUPERPOWER AGGRESSION, INTERFERENCE, SUBVERSION, AND CONTROL." HOWEVER, HE SAID, IF THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD, INCLUDING THE US AND THE USSR, GET UNITED TO FORM A "UNITED FRONT AGAINST HEGEMONISM" THEN "THE WORLD WILL CERTAINLY MOVE IN THE DIRECTION OF PROGRESS AND NOT RETROGRESSION." YOUNG

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